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Order

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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

To,

All owners of bars, restaurants,
eateries and public generally
in North Goa District.

Whereas, the General Elections to Goa State Legislative Assembly, 2012 is scheduled to be held on 03-03-2012 and the Model Code of Conduct is already in force;

And whereas, to prevent undue influence of voters through distribution of liquor and to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process, it is felt appropriate that the timings of closure of all bars, restaurants and other eateries need to be curtailed;

And whereas, a review meeting of enforcement activities was held by the Chief Electoral Officer with Excise, Police, Commercial Taxes and Transport

Authorities on 17-01-2012 and in this meeting, it was decided that all bars, restaurants and other eateries shall be closed by 11:00 p.m. with effect from 25-01-2012 to 05-02-2012 and by 10:00 p.m. with effect from 06-02-2012 to 06-03-2012 to effectively enforce the Model Code of Conduct and to ensure free and fair elections;

And whereas, in my considered opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (i) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for closure of liquor shops, bars, restaurants and other eateries;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not admit of serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this Order is directed.

Now, therefore, I, Shri R. Mihir Vardhan, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of powers conferred in me under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, hereby order that all bars, restaurants and other eateries in North Goa District shall be closed by 11:00 p.m. with effect from 25-01-2012 to 05-02-2012 and by 10:00 p.m. with effect from 06-02-2012 to 06-03-2012.

Failure to comply with this Order shall result in the cancellation of licences and the owner shall be liable for penal action under the relevant sections of law.

Panaji,
23rd January, 2012.

R. Mihir Vardhan,
District Magistrate,
North Goa, Panaji.

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